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TALKING PAPER FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT : Intelligence Support to Field Commanders from National Assets

1. USIB was briefed on the status of intelligence support to Field Commanders in early February. There are many studies in progress or completed, of which two are

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the recommendations presented in these studies, and experience gained in operational exercises such as BOLD EAGLE, will provide a base from which to proceed with further development. The DCI had recommended in August 1975 the formulation of a "joint element" (JCS J2/J3/J5 and D/DCI/IC) to provide guidance for implementation of the agreed recommendations. The DoD answer is pending.

2. The majority of problem areas surrounding intelligence support to Field Commanders from national assets reside within the DoD, and the solutions to many of these problems require action both within and outside the DoD. These problem areas revolve around:

a. timeliness of the tasking chain too slow;

b. timeliness of reporting too slow;

c. classification too high; 25X1

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d. no feedback on availability of the national systems;

e. commanders do not understand national systems nor hold credible for a crisis in their areas of operations;

f. concept and doctrine for utilization lacking.

3. On the national side, we must understand the Commanders' problems at various levels of command and how the intelligence fusion centers at the various levels operate in order to provide appropriate timely national support. Solutions to the six problem areas mentioned will provide some immediate improvement. By working closely with DoD, we can move ahead more rapidly in providing national support to Field Commanders. We must anticipate future requirements, the impact on national systems' capabilities, and plan to accommodate these requirements.

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USN, have been working this area and are ready to work even more closely with DoD representatives. The DoD representatives need to be identified to us.



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